SUNBEAM WATER (PWS 6390007)
SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT

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Executive Summary

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, all states are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the act. This assessment is based on a land use inventory of the designated assessment areas and sensitivity factors associated with the well and the aquifer characteristics.

This report, *Source Water Assessment for Sunbeam Water, American Falls, Idaho*, describes the public water system (PWS), the boundaries of the zones of water contribution, and the associated potential contaminant sources located within these boundaries. This assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this source. **The results should <u>not be</u> used as an absolute measure of risk and they should <u>not be</u> used to undermine public confidence in the water system.**

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The potential contaminant sources within the delineation capture zone of the well are Garden Ranch Road and Sunbeam Creek. If an accidental spill occurred into the either of these corridors, inorganic chemical (IOC) contaminants, volatile organic chemical (VOC) contaminants, synthetic organic chemical (SOC) contaminants, or microbial contaminants could be added to the aquifer system. A horse corral, septic systems associated with houses in the subdivision, and ranches north of the well were also identified within the delineation. These potential contaminant sources can also add IOCs, SOCs, VOCs, and microbial contaminants to the aquifer. All of these potential contaminant sources can contribute to the overall vulnerability of the water source.

Final well susceptibility scores are derived from equally weighting potential contaminant Inventory/land use, hydrologic sensitivity, and system construction scores. Therefore, a low rating in one category coupled with a higher rating in another category results in a final rating of low, moderate, or high susceptibility. Potential contaminants are divided into four categories: IOCs (i.e., nitrates, arsenic), VOCs (i.e., petroleum products), SOCs (i.e., pesticides), and microbial contaminants (i.e., bacteria). As a well can be subject to various contamination settings, separate scores are given for each type of contaminant.

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Section 1. Introduction - Basis for Assessment

The following sections contain information necessary to understand how and why this assessment was conducted. **It is important to review this information to understand what the ranking of this assessment means.** Maps showing the delineated source water assessment area and the inventory of significant potential sources of contamination identified within that area are included. The list of significant potential contaminant source categories and their rankings used to develop the assessment also is included.

Level of Accuracy and Purpose of the Assessment

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess over 2,900 public drinking water sources in Idaho for their relative susceptibility to contaminants regulated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. This assessment is based on a land use inventory of the delineated assessment area, sensitivity factors associated with the wells, and aquifer characteristics. All assessments must be completed by May of 2003. The resources and time available to accomplish assessments are limited. Therefore, an in-depth, site-specific investigation to identify each significant potential source of contamination for every public water supply system is not possible. **This assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this source. The results should not be used as an absolute measure of risk and they should not be used to undermine public confidence in the public water system (PWS).**

The ultimate goal of the assessment is to provide data to local communities to develop a protection strategy for their drinking water supply system. DEQ recognizes that pollution prevention activities generally require less time and money to implement than treatment of a public water supply system once it has been contaminated. DEQ encourages communities to balance resource protection with economic growth and development. The decision as to the amount and types of information necessary to develop a drinking water protection program should be determined by the local community based on its own needs and limitations. Wellhead or drinking water protection is one facet of a comprehensive growth plan, and it can complement ongoing local planning efforts.

Section 2. Conducting the Assessment

General Description of the Source Water Quality

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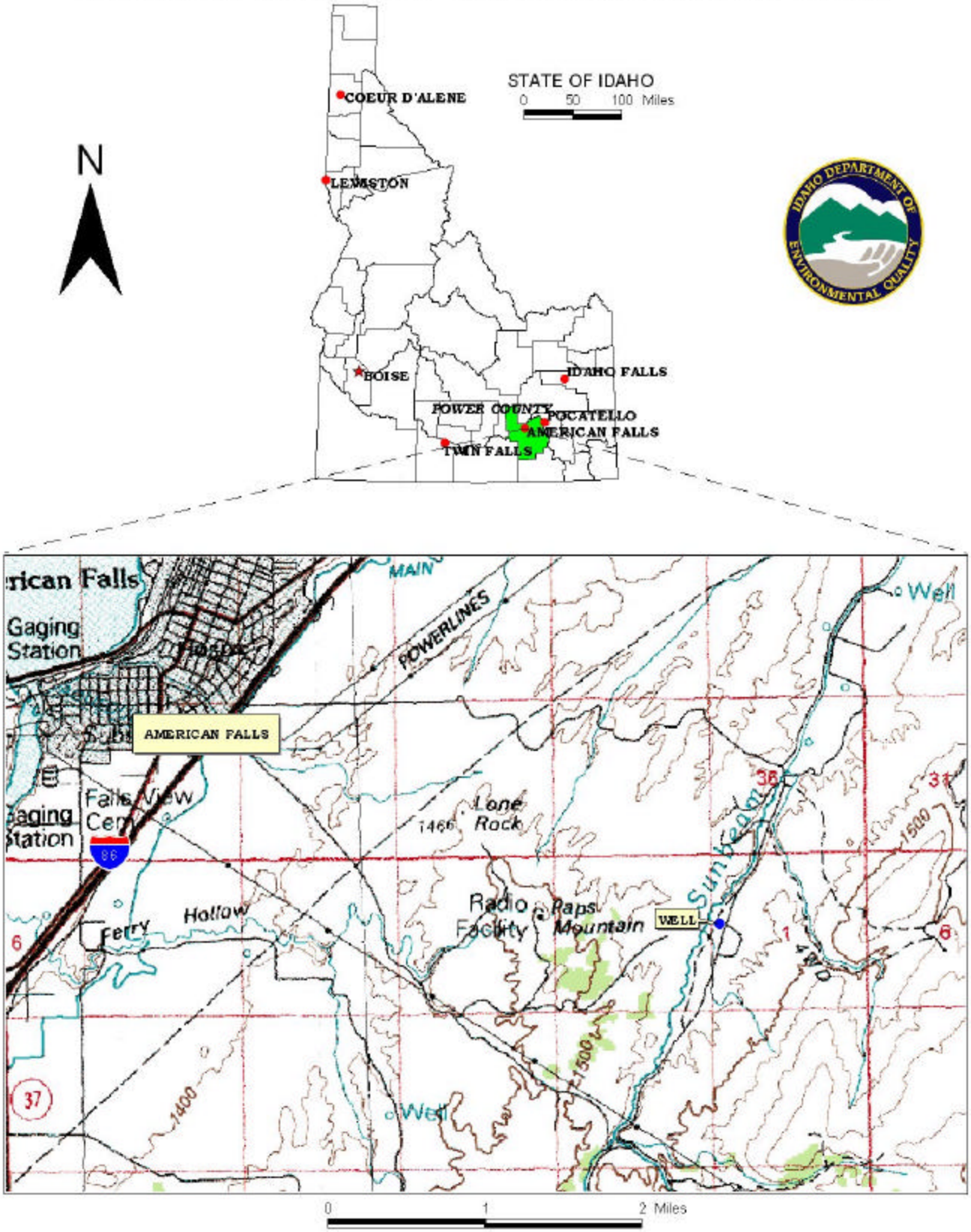
Defining the Zones of Contribution – Delineation

The delineation process establishes the physical area around a well that will become the focal point of the assessment. The process includes mapping the boundaries of the zone of contribution into time-of-travel (TOT) zones (zones indicating the number of years necessary for a particle of water to reach a pumping well) for water in the aquifer. DEQ defined the PWS zones of contribution. It used a refined method approved by the Source Water Assessment Plan (DEQ, 1999) in determining the 3-year (Zone 1B), 6-year (Zone 2), and 10-year (Zone 3) TOT zones for water associated with the "East Margin of the East Snake River Plain of the Arbon Valley" hydrologic province in the vicinity of the Sunbeam Water system. The computer model used site specific data, assimilated by DEQ from a variety of sources including operator records and hydrogeologic reports. A summary of the hydrogeologic information is provided below.

Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

The East Margin Area encompasses 821 square miles, representing approximately 8 percent of the total area of the ESRP hydrologic province. The majority of the East Margin Area is within Bingham County, with small areas occurring in Bannock, Bonneville, and Power counties.

FIGURE 1. Geographic Location of Sunbeam Water



The regional ESRP aquifer is the most significant aquifer in the East Margin Area and consists primarily of basalt of the Quaternary Snake River Group. However, additional hydrostratigraphic units are used for water supply along the margin of the ESRP. In order of decreasing age, the most significant aquifers in the Michaud Flats area are bedded rhyolite of the Tertiary Starlight Formation and Quaternary-aged pediment gravels, basalt of the Big Hole Formation, and alluvium of the Sunbeam Formation (Jacobson, 1982, p. 7, and Corbett, et al., 1980, pp. 6-10). A few shallow domestic wells in the central Michaud Flats area also are completed in Michaud Gravel, which is the shallow alluvial water-table aquifer. The American Falls Lake Beds Formation (AFLB) confines the deeper aquifers and averages 80 feet in thickness in the central Michaud Flats area (Jacobson, 1984, p. 6). The AFLB pinches out in the eastern Michaud Flats area near the Portneuf River, effectively combining the shallow and deep alluvium into a single water table aquifer (Bechtel, 1994, p. 2-2). Other aquifers in the East Margin Area include fractured quartzite that has been developed near Blackfoot, alluvium near the cities of Firth and Basalt, and pediment gravels in the Gibson Terrace area near Thyee and Chubbuck.

The Sunbeam Water well is completed in the alluvial aquifer in the eastern Michaud Flats area near the Portneuf River. The average hydraulic conductivity for the alluvial aquifer in this area is 318 ft/day, based upon 18 slug tests conducted during a remedial investigation (Bechtel, 1996, Figure 3.3-7B). Analysis of specific capacity data from PWS wells completed in the alluvial aquifer using the method of Walton (1962) results in estimates of hydraulic conductivity ranging from 291 to 361 feet per day (ft/day), with a geometric mean of 321 ft/day.

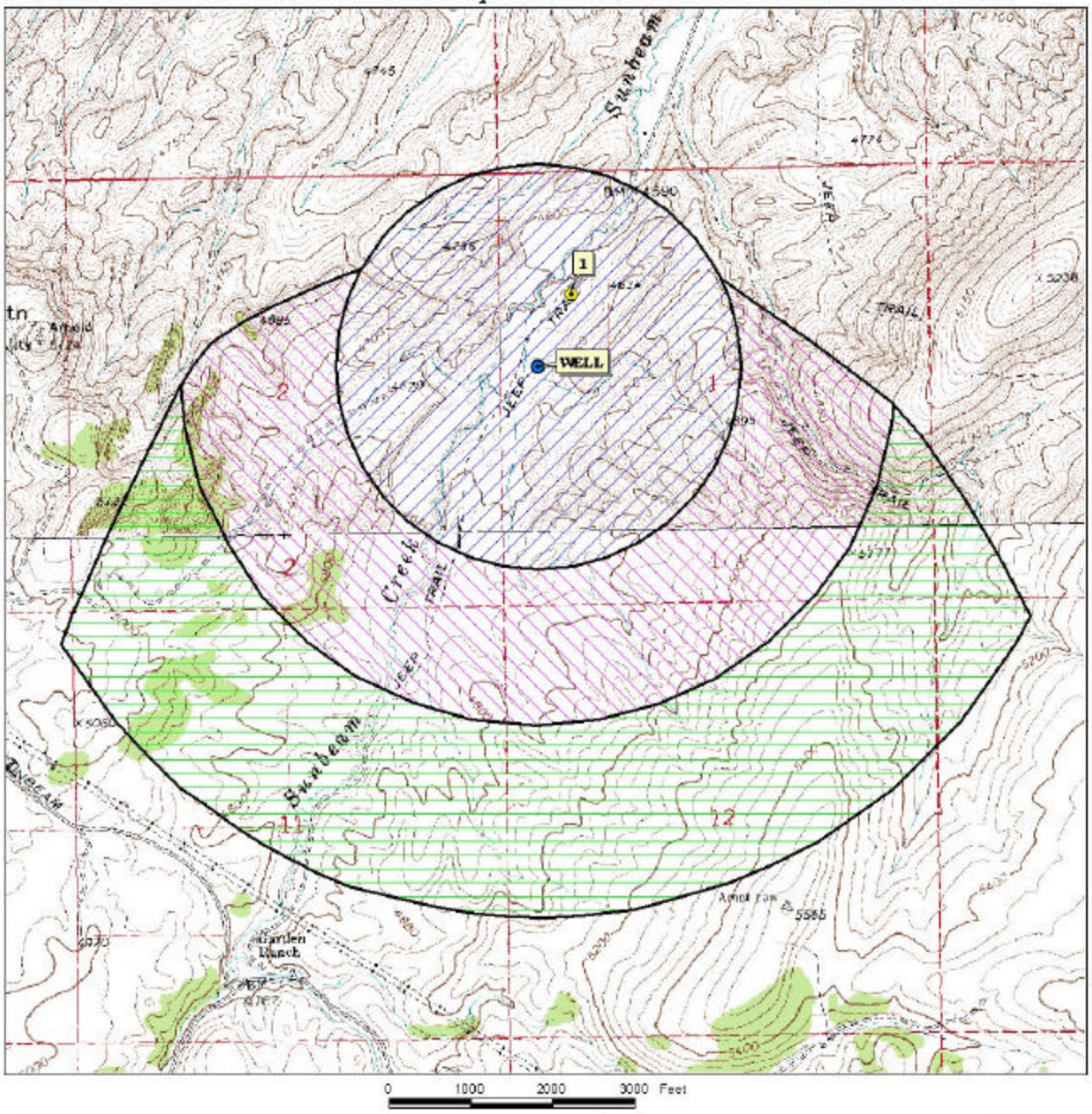
The direction of ground water flow is generally to the north and northwest. Hydraulic gradients range from 1.0 to 5.0 feet per mile (ft/mi) (0.0002 to 0.0009; Jacobson, 1984, p. 14). In areas closest to the Portneuf River, ground-water flow is more easterly, toward the river (Bechtel, 1996, Figure3.3-9, and Spinazola et al., 1997, p. 16).

The hydrology of the eastern Michaud Flats is affected by the presence of a large gypsum impoundment. Gypsum is slurried into the impoundment at a rate of 1,500 gallons per minute (gal/min), and an estimated 500 gal/min recharges the alluvial aquifer (Bechtel, 1994, p. 2-8).

Published estimates for recharge in the eastern Michaud Flats area vary by more than an order of magnitude. Bechtel (1994, p. 2-7) indicates an average recharge of 1.09 inches per year (in./yr), whereas Garabedian (1992, Plate 8) indicates a value of between 15 and 20 in./yr.

Capture zones for the Sunbeam Water well were delineated using the analytical element model WhAEM2000 (Kraemer et al., 2000) combined with a calculated fixed radius method. Application of this method resulted in a pie-shaped corridor extending from approximately 2,500 feet north of the well to an area approximately 2 miles south of the well (see Figure 2). The actual data used in determining the source water assessment delineation area is available from DEQ upon request.

FIGURE 2. Sunbeam Water Delineation Map and Potential Contaminant Source Locations



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Time of Travel Zones
- 1B (3 yr TOT)
- 2 (6 yr TOT)
- 3 (10 yr TOT)
- Wellhead
- Enhanced Inventory
- CERCLA Site
- RCRA Site
- Dairy
- UST Site
- Closed UST Site
- Open UST Site
- Business Mailing List
- NPDES Site
- Mine
- AST
- Toxic Release Inventory
- SARA Title III Site (EPCRA)
- Recharge Point
- Injection Well
- Group 1 Site
- Cyanide Site
- Landfill
- Wastewater Land App Site

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Identifying Potential Sources of Contamination

A potential source of contamination is defined as any facility or activity that stores, uses, or produces, as a product or by-product, the contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Furthermore, these sources have a sufficient likelihood of releasing such contaminants into the environment at levels that could pose a concern relative to drinking water sources. The goal of the inventory process is to locate and describe those facilities, land uses, and environmental conditions that are potential sources of ground water contamination. Field surveys conducted by DEQ and reviews of available databases identified potential contaminant sources within the delineated area.

It is important to understand that a release may never occur from a potential source of contamination provided they are using best management practices. Many potential sources of contamination are regulated at the federal level, state level, or both, to reduce the risk of release.

Therefore, when a business, facility, or property is identified as a potential contaminant source, this should not be interpreted to mean that this business, facility, or property is in violation of any local, state, or federal environmental law or regulation. What it does mean is that the potential for contamination exists due to the nature of the business, industry, or operation. There are a number of methods that water systems can use to work cooperatively with potential sources of contamination, including educational visits and inspections of stored materials. Many owners of such facilities may not even be aware that they are located near a public water supply source.

Contaminant Source Inventory Process

A two-phased contaminant inventory of the study area was conducted in January 2003. The first phase involved identifying and documenting potential contaminant sources within the Sunbeam Water source water assessment area through the use of Ground Water Under Direct Influence (GWUDI) field and sanitary surveys, computer databases and Geographic Information System (GIS) maps developed by DEQ.

The second, or enhanced, phase of the contaminant inventory involved contacting the operator to identify and add any additional potential sources in the delineated area. This task was undertaken with the assistance of Michael Parrish. No additional potential contaminant sources were identified within the delineated source water area by the operator.

An inventory of potential contaminant sources is included in Table 1. Sources include Garden Ranch Road, Sunbeam Creek, a house located within 50 feet of the wellhead, and ranches located north of the well, which could all potentially contribute IOCs, VOCs, SOCs, and microbial contaminants as well as leachable contaminants to the aquifer. Additional sources include a horse corral and septic systems. These sources can add IOCs and microbial contaminants to the drinking water system. A map with the well location, delineated area, and potential contaminant sources is provided with this report (see Figure 2).

Table 1. Sunbeam Water Well, Potential Contaminant Inventory

Site #	Source Description[1]	TOT Zone[2] (years)	Source of Information	Potential Contaminants[3]
1	Ranches	0-3	Database Search	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbials
	Garden Ranch Road	0-3	GIS Map	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbials
	Garden Ranch Road	3-6, 6-10	GIS Map	IOC, VOC, SOC
	Sunbeam Creek	0-3	GIS Map	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbials
	Sunbeam Creek	3-6, 6-10	GIS Map	IOC, VOC, SOC
	Septic Systems	0-3	GWUDI Survey	IOC, Microbials
	Horse Corral	0-3	GWUDI Survey	IOC, Microbials
	House	1A	GWUDI Survey	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbials

[2] TOT = time-of-travel (in years) for a potential contaminant to reach the wellhead, 1A = located within the 50-foot sanitary setback of the well

[3] IOC = inorganic chemical, VOC = volatile organic chemical, SOC = synthetic organic chemical

Section 3. Susceptibility Analysis

The well's susceptibility to contamination was ranked as high, moderate, or low risk according to the following considerations: hydrologic sensitivity, system construction, land use characteristics, and potentially significant contaminant sources. The susceptibility rankings are specific to a particular potential contaminant or category of contaminants. Therefore, a high susceptibility rating relative to one potential contaminant does not mean that the water system is at the same risk for all other potential contaminants. The relative ranking that is derived for the wells is a qualitative, screening-level step that, in many cases, uses generalized assumptions and best professional judgement. Attachment A contains the susceptibility analysis worksheet. The following summaries describe the rationale for the susceptibility ranking.

Hydrologic Sensitivity

The hydrologic sensitivity of a well is dependent upon four factors. These factors are surface soil composition, the material in the vadose zone (between the land surface and the water table), the depth to first ground water, and the presence of a 50-foot thick fine-grained zone (aquitard) above the producing zone of the well. Slowly draining soils such as silt and clay have better filtration capabilities and therefore are typically more protective of ground water than coarse-grained soils such as sand and gravel. Similarly, fine-grained sediments in the subsurface and a water depth of more than 300 feet protect the ground water from contamination.

Hydrologic sensitivity rated high for the well (see Table 2). This is based upon moderate- to well-drained soil classes as defined by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) located within the delineated area. Additionally, a well log was not available, limiting the information concerning the composition of the vadose zone, the depth to first ground water, and the presence of any fine-grained layers above the producing zone of the well. When information is not available, a higher, more conservative score is given.

Well Construction

Well construction directly affects the ability of the well to protect the aquifer from contaminants. System construction scores are reduced when information shows that potential contaminants will have a more difficult time reaching the intake of the well. Lower scores imply a system is less vulnerable to contamination. For example, if the well casing and annular seal both extend into a low permeability unit, then the possibility of contamination is reduced and the system construction score goes down. If the highest production interval is more than 100 feet below the water table, then the system is considered to have better buffering capacity. If the wellhead and surface seal are maintained to standards, as outlined in sanitary surveys, then contamination down the well bore is less likely. If the well is protected from surface flooding and is outside the 100-year floodplain, then contamination from surface events is reduced.

The system construction rated high for the well (see Table 2). The well is located outside of a 100-year floodplain. The 2002 sanitary survey indicates that the well lacks a casing vent. The purpose of the vent is to vent the space between the casing and the column and prevent a vacuum from forming when the pump turns on and draws down the water table. A vacuum could draw in contamination through joints or leaks in the casing or cause the well to slough. Because no well log was available, the placement of the casing and annular seal is unknown, the location of the highest production level is unknown, and casing diameter and thickness are unknown.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) *Well Construction Standards Rules (1993)* require all PWSs to follow DEQ standards. IDAPA 58.01.08.550 requires that PWSs follow the *Recommended Standards for Water Works (1997)* during construction. Under current standards, all PWS wells are required to have a 50-foot buffer around the wellhead and if the well is designed to yield greater than 50 gpm a minimum of a 6-hour pump test is required. These standards are used to rate the system construction for the well by evaluating items such as condition of wellhead and surface seal, whether the casing and annular space is within consolidated material or 18 feet below the surface, the thickness of the casing, etc. If all criteria are not met, the public water source does not meet the IDWR Well Construction Standards. In this case, because there was insufficient information available to determine if the well meets all the criteria outlined in the IDWR Well Construction Standards, it was conservatively rated higher for system construction.

Potential Contaminant Source and Land Use

The well rated moderate for IOCs (i.e., nitrates, arsenic), VOCs (i.e., petroleum products), and SOCs (i.e., pesticides), and rated low for microbial contaminants (i.e., bacteria). The corridors such as the road and the creek that run through all three TOT zones and that could add leachable contaminants to the aquifer contributed to the potential contaminant source and land use of the well. In addition, the delineation exists within a county of high herbicide and agricultural chemical use, even though the predominant land use surrounding the well is classified as rangeland.

Final Susceptibility Ranking

A detection above a drinking water standard MCL, any detection of a VOC or SOC, or a confirmed microbial detection at the wellhead will automatically give a high susceptibility rating to the well, despite the land use of the area, because a pathway for contamination already exists. In this case, the well rated automatically high for microbial contaminants due to repeated detections of total coliform bacteria in the well in December 1996 and again in October 1997. Additionally, potential contaminant sources within 50 feet of a well will automatically lead to a high susceptibility rating. According to the 2002 GWUDI field survey, a house sits within 50 feet of the wellhead, resulting in automatic high susceptibility scores for all potential contaminant categories.

Table 2. Summary of Sunbeam Water Susceptibility Evaluation

Drinking Water Sources	Susceptibility Scores[1]									
	Hydrologic Sensitivity	Potential Contaminant Inventory and Land Use				System Construction	Final Susceptibility Ranking			
		IOC	VOC	SOC	Microbials		IOC	VOC	SOC	Microbials
Well	H	M	M	M	L	H	H(*)	H(*)	H(*)	H(*)

[1]H = High Susceptibility, M = Moderate Susceptibility, L = Low Susceptibility,
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No potential contaminants such as pesticides or herbicides should be stored or applied within the 50-foot radius of the wellhead. Attention should also be given to the house that sits within 50 feet of the wellhead to avoid contamination of the well associated with this contaminant source. As land uses within most of the source water assessment areas are outside the direct jurisdiction of Sunbeam Water, collaboration and partnerships with state and local agencies and industry groups should be established and are critical to success. Providing the state and local agencies with a well log of the well may assist them in determining the drinking water needs for the Sunbeam Water system. Educating homeowners about source water will further assist the system in its monitoring and protection efforts.

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A community must incorporate a variety of strategies in order to develop a comprehensive drinking water protection plan, be they regulatory in nature (e.g. zoning, permitting) or non-regulatory in nature (e.g. good housekeeping, public education, specific best management practices). For assistance in developing protection strategies please contact the Pocatello Regional Office of the DEQ or the Idaho Rural Water Association.

Assistance

Public water supplies and others may call the following DEQ offices with questions about this assessment and to request assistance with developing and implementing a local protection plan. In addition, draft protection plans may be submitted to the DEQ office for preliminary review and comments.

Pocatello Regional DEQ Office (208) 236-6160

State DEQ Office (208) 373-0502

Website: http://www.deq.state.id.us

Water suppliers serving fewer than 10,000 persons may contact Melinda Harper (mlharper@idahoruralwater.com), Idaho Rural Water Association, at (208) 343-7001 for assistance with drinking water protection (formerly wellhead protection) strategies.

POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT INVENTORY
LIST OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

AST (Aboveground Storage Tanks) – Sites with aboveground storage tanks.

Business Mailing List – This list contains potential contaminant sites identified through a yellow pages database search of standard industry codes (SIC).

CERCLA – This includes sites considered for listing under the **Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**. CERCLA, more commonly known as Superfund is designed to clean up hazardous waste sites that are on the national priority list (NPL).

Cyanide Site – DEQ permitted and known historical sites/facilities using cyanide.

Dairy – Sites included in the primary contaminant source inventory represent those facilities regulated by Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and may range from a few head to several thousand head of milking cows.

Deep Injection Well – Injection wells regulated under the Idaho Department of Water Resources generally for the disposal of stormwater runoff or agricultural field drainage.

Enhanced Inventory – Enhanced inventory locations are potential contaminant source sites added by the water system. These can include new sites not captured during the primary contaminant inventory, or corrected locations for sites not properly located during the primary contaminant inventory. Enhanced inventory sites can also include miscellaneous sites added by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during the primary contaminant inventory.

Floodplain – This is a coverage of the 100-year floodplains.

Group 1 Sites – These are sites that show elevated levels of contaminants and are not within the priority one areas.

Inorganic Priority Area – Priority one areas where greater than 25% of the wells/springs show constituents higher than primary standards or other health standards.

Landfill – Areas of open and closed municipal and non-municipal landfills.

LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) – Potential contaminant source sites associated with leaking underground storage tanks as regulated under RCRA.

Mines and Quarries – Mines and quarries permitted through the Idaho Department of Lands.)

Nitrate Priority Area – Area where greater than 25% of wells/springs show nitrate values above 5 mg/l.

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) – Sites with NPDES permits. The Clean Water Act requires that any discharge of a pollutant to waters of the United States from a point source must be authorized by an NPDES permit.

Organic Priority Areas – These are any areas where greater than 25% of wells/springs show levels greater than 1% of the primary standard or other health standards.

Recharge Point – This includes active, proposed, and possible recharge sites on the Snake River Plain.

RCRA – Site regulated under **Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)**. RCRA is commonly associated with the cradle to grave management approach for generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

SARA Tier II (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Tier II Facilities) – These sites store certain types and amounts of hazardous materials and must be identified under the Community Right to Know Act.

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) – The toxic release inventory list was developed as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (Community Right to Know) Act passed in 1986. The Community Right to Know Act requires the reporting of any release of a chemical found on the TRI list.

UST (Underground Storage Tank) – Potential contaminant source sites associated with underground storage tanks regulated as regulated under RCRA.

Wastewater Land Applications Sites – These are areas where the land application of municipal or industrial wastewater is permitted by DEQ.

Wellheads – These are drinking water well locations regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. They are not treated as potential contaminant sources.

NOTE: Many of the potential contaminant sources were located using a geocoding program where mailing addresses are used to locate a facility. Field verification of potential contaminant sources is an important element of an enhanced inventory.

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Attachment A

Sunbeam Water
Susceptibility Analysis Worksheet

Susceptibility Analysis Formulas

Formula for Well Sources

The final scores for the susceptibility analysis were determined using the following formulas:

1) VOC/SOC/IOC Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.2)

2) Microbial Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.375)

Final Susceptibility Scoring:

0 - 5 Low Susceptibility

6 - 12 Moderate Susceptibility

≥ 13 High Susceptibility

1. System Construction		SCORE
Drill Date	unknown	
Driller Log Available	NO	
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES	2002
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO	1
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	NO	1
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	NO	2
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO	1
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	YES	0
Total System Construction Score		5

2. Hydrologic Sensitivity		
Soils are poorly to moderately drained	NO	2
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES	1
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO	1
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO	2
Total Hydrologic Score		6

3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A		IOC Score	VOC Score	SOC Score	Microbial Score
Land Use Zone 1A	RANGELAND, WOODLAND, BASALT	0	0	0	0
Farm chemical use high	YES	2	0	2	
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A		2	0	2	0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B					
Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)	YES	5	3	3	5
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum		8	6	6	8
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	5	3	3	
4 Points Maximum		4	3	3	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO	0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B		12	9	9	8
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II					
Contaminant Sources Present	YES	2	2	2	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	1	1	1	
Land Use Zone II	Less than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	
Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II		3	3	3	0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III					
Contaminant Source Present	YES	1	1	1	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	1	1	1	
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of	NO	0	0	0	
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III		2	2	2	0
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score		19	14	16	8

4. Final Susceptibility Source Score	15	14	14	14
5. Final Well Ranking	High	High	High	High